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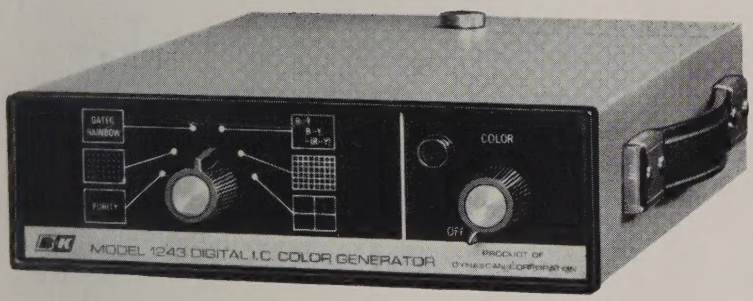

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INTRODUCTION

B & K Model 1243 Digital IC Color Generator

This fine quality, easy to use portable generator has been designed by B & K for quick, easy convergence and adjustment of color TV sets.

Integrated circuit (IC) flip-flops perform all counting functions; there is absolutely no way for them to "jump" a count, because they can only divide by 2. This guarantees jitter-free patterns—even with severe temperature and voltage variations. Pattern flicker is also completely eliminated because the progressive scan system presents the same signal on each field.

You can carry the 1243 from your car trunk at −20° Fahrenheit into a home and it will operate perfectly when first turned on.

Two crystal controlled, keyed rainbow color displays are provided to test color circuits, range of hue control and align color demodulators. A color level control provides the ability of displaying color to any degree of saturation up to 200%.

Dots, crosshatch and single horizontal and vertical line patterns are provided for adjusting horizontal/vertical linearity and size on color or black and white TV receivers. These patterns are *indispensable* when adjusting convergence on color receivers. Dot size and vertical line width is sharp and bright, due to special IC circuitry. It is preset to an optimum at the factory, but can easily be readjusted to suit personal preference.

A special clear "Purity" pattern is provided to enhance the speed and accuracy of making purity adjustments on the color tube.

A regulated power supply maintains a ripple-free, constant voltage to all internal circuitry, even under abnormal line conditions. Transformer operation eliminates costly battery replacement.

Small and compact, the completed unit occupies only the space of about 10 tubes in a caddy.

SPECIFICATIONS

PATTERNS

PURITY	Clear raster
DOTS	9 x 9
CROSSHATCH	1 x 1 Crosshair 9 x 9
COLOR BARS	Gated Rainbow: 10 bars at 30° intervals from burst. R-Y, B-Y, −(R-Y): 3 bars gated at 90°, 180°, and 270° from burst.

LINE WIDTH

HORIZONTAL	1 horizontal line (54 μS)
VERTICAL	Preset to .25 μS; internally adjustable from .1 to .8 μS

CHROMA

Offset subcarrier system utilizing a frequency of 3.579545 MHz—1 H (15,816 Hz) or 3.563729 MHz, ± .001%. 10 bars and R-Y, B-Y, −(R-Y) are produced by gating with 189 KHz and 63 KHz respectively. The subcarrier level is adjustable from 0 to 200% by front panel control adjustment.

SIGNAL SYNTHESIS

Progressive scan system utilizing digital binary logic elements to derive all sync and video information. The countdown chain is synchronized to a crystal controlled frequency of 189.800 KHz, ± .005%.
The composite video signal approximates TV standards.

SYNC (H=63.22μS)	FREQUENCY	PULSE WIDTH
HORIZONTAL	15,816 Hz	0.08 H (5.4 μS)
VERTICAL	59.91 Hz	4 H (253 μS)

BLANK	TOTAL	FRONT PORCH	REAR PORCH
HORIZONTAL	0.145 H (9.2 μS)	0.06 H (3.8 μS)	
VERTICAL	16 H (1012 μS)	.4 H (253 μS)	.8 H (506 μS)

RF OUTPUT

CHANNELS	Tunable through Channels 3, 4 and 5; factory tuned to Channel 3 (61.25 MHz ± .5%)
LEVEL	10,000 μVolts typical into a 300Ω load.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

100 to 130 Volts AC, 50/60 Hz.
Internal power supply is transformer isolated, full-wave rectified and

transistor-zener regulated to provide a constant and ripple-free supply voltage.

OPERATING RANGE

From −20 F to +140 F with no performance degradation.

MECHANICAL

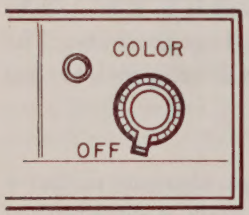
SIZE ..... 2.25″ x 7″ x 9.375″
WEIGHT ..... 3 lbs.
CABLE STORAGE ..... 24.75 cubic inches

OPERATING PROCEDURE

The 1243 has only 2 external controls, both located on the front panel.

A. CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS (Refer To Fig. 1)

1. COLOR: Rotation of this control adjusts the color subcarrier, amplitude from 0 to 200%; at midpoint (indicator vertical), the level is normal or 100% of sync amplitude. In the extreme counterclockwise position, AC power to the unit is switched off.



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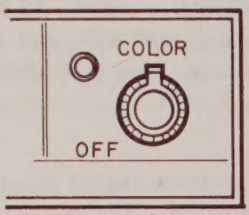

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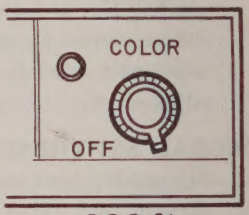

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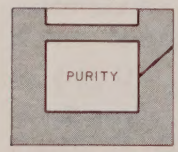
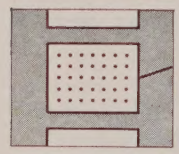
2. PATTERN SELECTOR: Six patterns are programmed into the 1243 for expediency of convergence and color alignment. In sequence:

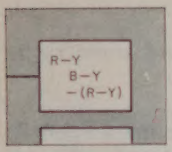


The first position provides sync and an ultra-clean "reference black" level to produce a clear, blemish-free raster. Accuracy and speed of purity adjustments is greatly enhanced through its use.

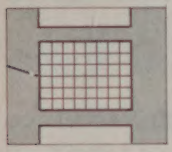


9 x 9 sharp and well defined dots are produced for use in the static convergence operation. Dot width is preset to .25μS but may be readjusted internally to suit personal preference. (See CALIBRATION section).

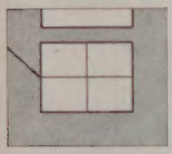
10 color bars raised on a 50% luminance pedestal and gated at 30° intervals are produced for testing and aligning color circuitry. The "reference black" background gives sharp edge definition and aids in recognizing color spill.



3 color bars derived from the rainbow and gated at 90°, 180° and 270° respectively, allow the operator to rapidly expedite certain color alignment procedures.



The 9 x 9 CROSSHATCH is extremely useful in dynamic convergence, linearity, size and overscan adjustments. The sharp definition of the vertical and horizontal lines helps to insure precision in convergence.



The crosshair is derived from the full crosshatch. Intersection of the two lines corresponds to exact screen center if the receiver is properly adjusted. This pattern aids in isolating the center dot from the full dot pattern and is useful for "roughing in" static convergence.

3. RF OUTPUT: A unique modulator in the 1243 produces 10,000 μVolts of RF at a high percentage of modulation to insure consistent display of sharp, snow-free patterns. The modulated RF is routed out from a 50Ω source impedance through high-quality 50Ω coax for strength and shielding. In addition, internal shielding of the RF oscillator and a metal case reduce spurious RF radiation and leakage to a negligible level.

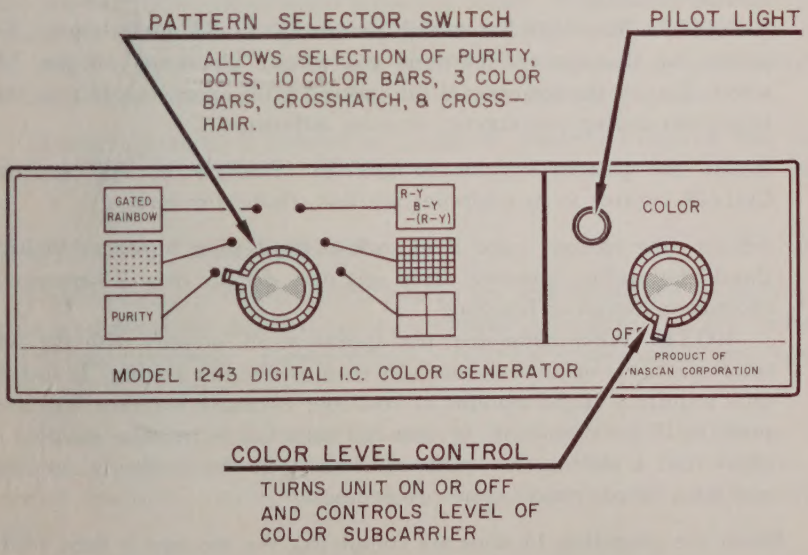


Figure 1.

B. OPERATION

NOTE: Read this entire section carefully to avoid unnecessary confusion and/or poor operation of the 1243.

1. Disconnect all antenna lines from the receiver VHF antenna terminals; attach the 1243 RF cable to these terminals.

2. Tune the receiver to Channel 4. The generator has been accurately preset to this frequency.

   NOTE: refer to the CALIBRATION and MAINTENANCE section for retuning the generator's RF Channel.

3. Turn on the 1243 by rotating the COLOR control clockwise.

4. Set the pattern selector to the crosshatch position.

5. Fine-tune the receiver until a reasonably good pattern is obtained.

The next 3 steps insure accurate fine tuning.

6. Reduce the contrast and brightness controls on the receiver until both the horizontal and vertical lines are barely visible. At this point, one may be brighter than the other, but *both* should be visible.

7. Readjust the fine tuning for the brightest *vertical* lines.

8. Now set the contrast and brightness controls to provide a comfortable viewing intensity.

   NOTE: The 1243 has a high percentage of RF modulation. To obtain the sharpest test patterns and avoid "blooming" of the TV screen display, do not operate the receiver with excessive contrast and brightness during convergence or color adjustments.

9. Rotate the pattern selector to GATED RAINBOW and set the COLOR control to its midpoint position (indicator vertical).

10. Advance the receiver color level control until color appears. 10 bars should be visible; however, some sets may display only 9 because of excessive overscan or blanking.

    NOTE: When color does not appear at all, or only with the TV color control at maximum, carefully readjust the fine tuning. It should only require a slight amount of rotation; excessive rotation indicates tuner or IF misalignment. If these last steps fail to produce color, it is likely that a malfunction exists somewhere in the receiver's circuitry and must be corrected before proceeding.

When the preceding 10 steps are completed, the receiver is then ready for convergence and color adjustments.

CONVERGENCE

A detailed convergence procedure will not be presented here, as there are many excellent and thorough manuals available on this subject.

Extensive field testing results of pattern uses have been compiled and are presented to help speed convergence.

A. PURITY

The first position of the 1243 selector provides sync and a reference base line free of video information. This is advantageous when adjusting purity. Older methods required turning to an unused channel or disabling the tuner; "snow" produced by this method can be annoying and cause inaccuracy in set-up. Using this position, the operator can be assured that the adjusted purity condition will be maintained when the convergence procedure is initiated.

B. STATIC CONVERGENCE

Static, or D.C. convergence is always performed before and after purity adjustments. The 1243 pattern switch is programmed to provide the necessary dot pattern in the position following purity. If it becomes difficult to isolate the center dot, switch to the crosshair pattern. The intersection of the single vertical and single horizontal line corresponds to exact screen center, and the center dot from the full dot arrangement.

In many instances, it is easier to "rough in" static convergence with the crosshair pattern. However, for final touch-up, always use the center dot.

C. DYNAMIC CONVERGENCE

Crosshatch is the recommended pattern for performing this adjustment; some servicemen use dots throughout the entire procedure—this is a matter of personal preference. However, misconvergence is most easily seen with horizontal and vertical lines.

NOTE: Defocusing, blooming and "kinks" at CROSSHATCH intersections indicate that brightness and contrast are excessive. It is important never to perform convergence in this condition, or accuracy will greatly suffer.

COLOR ADJUSTMENTS

Service notes should always be consulted when testing and aligning color circuitry. Following the recommended procedure will insure best performance. The next sections refer to a general technique if manufacturer's data is not available.

A. HUE SETTING AND RANGE

Step 1. Rotate the 1243 pattern selector to GATED RAINBOW and set the COLOR level control to its mid-point position.

Step 2. Adjust the receiver's saturation, brightness and contrast controls to produce a pleasing color pattern. Ten individual color bars should be visible on the face of the screen (See Fig. 2).

NOTE: Some receivers may only display eight or nine bars; this is due to excessive overscan and/or blanking.

Step 3. Turn the 1243 selector to R-Y, B-Y, −(R-Y). Three color bars, representing the third, sixth and ninth bar out of the gated rainbow should now be visible.

Step 4. Adjust the receiver's hue control to display a red, blue and bluish green bar in this order from left to right (See Fig. 3). If this arrangement cannot be obtained with any setting of the hue control, then internal adjustment of the hue range coil is necessary.

It can be assumed that the color circuits in the receiver are operating properly if these steps produce the correct results.

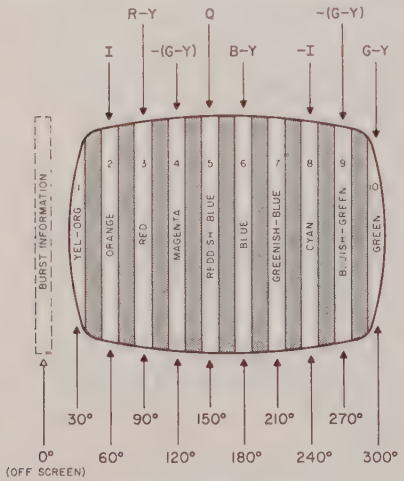


Figure 2. Gated Rainbow

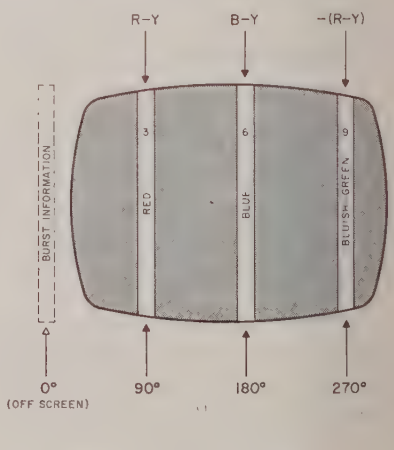


Figure 3. R-Y, B-Y, −(R-Y)

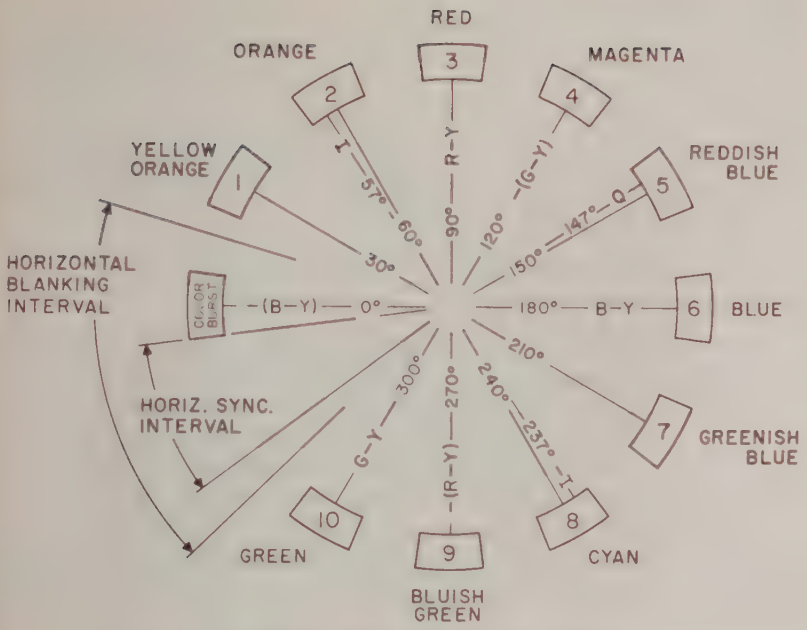


Figure 4. Gated Rainbow Phase Relation

B. DEMODULATOR ALIGNMENT CHECK

A rapid check of demodulator alignment can be performed without the use of a vectorscope right in the customer's home. This technique is simple and utilizes the color CRT itself as the analysis instrument.

Step 1. Rotate the 1243 selector to R-Y, B-Y, −(R-Y) and set the COLOR control to its mid-point position.

Step 2. Turn the receiver's contrast control to minimum and adjust the brightness for the brightest display possible without blooming; the saturation control should be set to a very low level—just enough to produce color.

Step 3. Disable the red and green guns of the CRT. Adjust the hue control so that color and shading to the area left and right of the first bar (left hand side of screen) matches the center section of that bar.

Step 4. Disable the blue and green guns and leave only the red gun active. If the color demodulators are properly aligned, the bar in the center of the screen will match the color and shading of the area to either side of it. A large amount of error usually indicates the need for demodulator alignment.

C. COLOR SYNC LOCKING

The COLOR level control on the 1243 varies the amplitude of the color sub-carrier from 0 to 200%. Utilization of this control can help determine if the set will adequately lock on a color signal.

Step 1. Rotate the 1243 selector to GATED RAINBOW and adjust the COLOR level control to its mid-point position; this represents normal color subcarrier amplitude.

Step 2. Adjust the receiver COLOR control to produce a recognizable color pattern.

Step 3. Slowly rotate the 1243 COLOR level control counterclockwise until the colors become pale and finally disappear—the rate of fading will depend entirely upon the model under test. Most receivers will maintain color SYNC throughout the entire range of the level control; however, some sets may lose it just before the color disappears, evidenced by their diagonal running. Both of these conditions indicate normal operation of the sync circuits. If a slight reduction of the chroma amplitude from normal causes the color to fall out of lock, synchronization of the receiver may be inadequate.

In the full clockwise position of the COLOR level control, the amplitude of the sub-carrier is 200% of sync amplitude. This additional range is helpful in diagnosing receiver conditions, such as RF/IF misalignment or chroma circuit malfunction.

D. COLOR FIT

The 1243 produces color bars that are raised on a luminance pedestal so that spaces between the colors are reference black. When displaying 10 and 3 bar patterns, colors should only be seen in the luminance area; incorrect delay in the video amplifier or incorrect alignment of the bandpass amplifier will cause the colors to overlap or spill into the black region.

E. COLOR KILLER

Color killer threshold can be set while displaying CROSSHATCH; adjust the color killer control of the receiver until the vertical lines start to tear with color. Back this control off until the tear is removed, then give a slight turn more to provide a safety margin.

DEFLECTION SYSTEM TESTS

A rapid check of receiver scanning can help disclose any abnormal or border-line situations which might exist in the electrical or mechanical components of the deflection system. When evaluating any results from these tests, always use the manufacturer's recommendations as a criterion.

A. OVERSCAN

1. Rotate the 1243 pattern selector to CROSSHATCH.
2. Adjust receiver contrast and brightness to display sharp, thin lines against a black background.
3. Count the number of vertical and horizontal lines. A typical receiver will display 9 vertical and 9 horizontal lines. A tenth one, however, may just be visible at the screen's edge; this one is outside the normal picture area and should be ignored when performing adjustments.

NOTE: Small-screen receivers have an inherent tendency towards a greater amount of overscan and/or blanking . This phenomenon may result in an 8 x 8 crosshatch instead of 9 x 9. The same effect will produce a 9 color bar pattern instead of 10.

B. LINEARITY, SIZE AND CENTERING

The repetitive spacing of the CROSSHATCH pattern provides a stable source with which to perform these tests and adjustments. Abnormal conditions such as pincushion distortion, deflection non-linearity and excessive 60 Hz hum become immediately obvious.

Vertical size and linearity should be adjusted so that all horizontal lines are evenly spaced. Inability to do so usually indicates a vertical deflection problem.

Pincushion distortion is common to a great number of large screen receivers; the outermost vertical and horizontal crosshatch lines are most useful in determining the correct amount of compensation.

A horizontal bar rolling vertically through the crosshatch pattern indicates that 60 Hz hum is entering the receiver circuitry. Excessive amounts of it cause a very noticeable and annoying pattern displacement.

The CROSSHAIR pattern provides 1 vertical and 1 horizontal line that intersect at exact screen center; any deviation from it may indicate a need for adjustment. The intersection of the two lines is a handy reference for locating the center dot from the full dot pattern.

THEORY OF OPERATION

(Refer to Figure 5)

Operation of the 1243 is easily understood if its circuits are sectionalized into a logical sequence of dependency:

1. 189 KHz MASTER OSCILLATOR
2. COUNTDOWN CHAIN
3. GATING LOGIC AND PULSE SHAPING NETWORKS
4. PATTERN SELECTOR SWITCH
5. DIGITAL TO ANALOG MIXER/CONVERTER
6. COLOR OSCILLATOR
7. VHF OSCILLATOR/MODULATOR
8. POWER SUPPLY

The 189 KHz MASTER OSCILLATOR generates timing pulses used to trigger the countdown chain and certain pulse shaping networks. It is composed of IC1a and IC1b, in a high-gain saturating amplifier configuration, with a quartz crystal as the positive feedback element; the output consists of square waves with sharp falling edges.

Thirteen flip-flops comprise the bulk of active circuitry known as the COUNTDOWN CHAIN. These devices are I.C. bistable multivibrators, with an inherent frequency division capability of two. Each flip-flop contains the equivalent of 20 discrete transistors, for a total of 260 semiconductors. A digital feedback technique is used to scale by integers other than 2. This method is simple yet ultra-stable since dependency upon time constants is completely eliminated.

Predetermined output frequencies of the count chain are utilized to generate TV sync and video signals. However, further processing is required to achieve the correct shape. GATING LOGIC and PULSE SHAPING NETWORKS solve this problem by computing the required width of all signals used in reconstructing a composite video waveform. Gates G1 through G4 and G6 through G9 perform the logical "AND" function; G5 is an "OR" gate. Diodes D1 through D26 compose this gating circuitry. Two pulse shaping networks, known as monostable multivibrators generate vertical lines/dots and color bars. Trimpots on the PC board allow their time constants to be varied. R9, labelled "bar width" is preset at the factory to insure 8 cycles of color burst information. Once adjusted, it is never touched. R5 or "dot size" is also preset to an optimum, but can be readjusted if necessary.

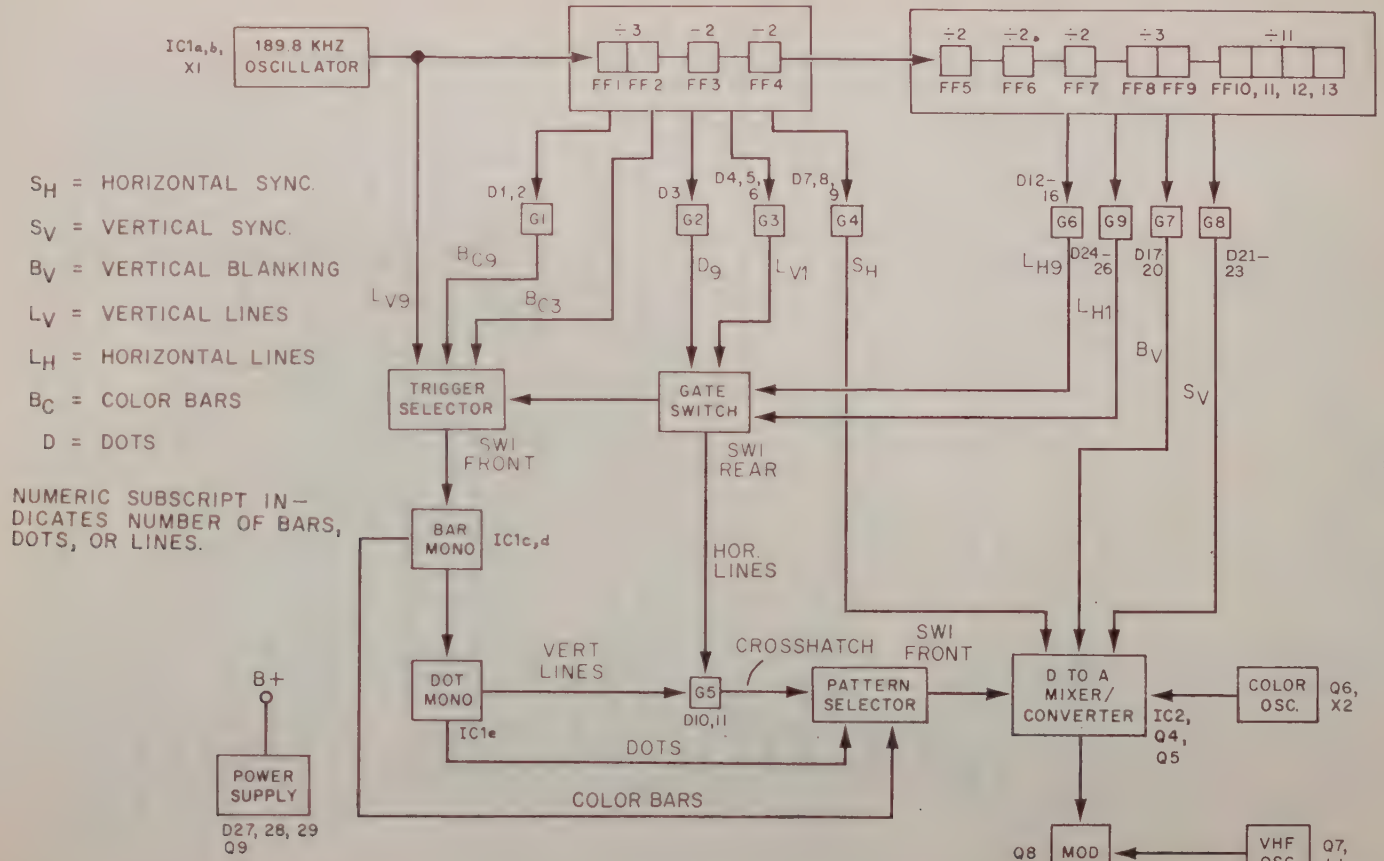


Figure 5. Block Diagram

The PATTERN SELECTOR SWITCH is a front panel rotary selector which allows the instrument to display one of six pattern arrangements.

The preselected video, sync information and blanking pulses all converge at the DIGITAL to ANALOG MIXER/CONVERTOR for reconstruction into a composite video waveform. IC2, Q4, and Q5 are the active devices used to accomplish this conversion, along with a resistive ladder consisting of R45 through R48. These resistors form a simple voltage divider string with corresponding transistor switches that short or open in a time dependent sequence. The resultant output is a series of voltage level shifts relating to sync and video information.

The COLOR OSCILLATOR is actually a sub-section of the D to A converter. Q6 and associated components form a modified crystal-Colpitts oscillator with load resistor R53 as a front panel control; the output is thus variable in amplitude from 0 to 200% of sync level. Power is applied only in the color positions to avoid interference with other patterns.

The assembled composite video is sent to the VHF OSCILLATOR/MODULATOR where it is impressed upon a desired RF frequency and routed through the output cable. Q7 and surrounding components form a temperature compensated VHF oscillator that generates the carrier frequency. L1's variable inductance allows adjustment to channels 3, 4 or 5. Modulator transistor Q8 is a low-capacity device connected as a diode; this scheme provides temperature compensation and a high modulation percentage. Shielded coax is driven by a 50 Ohm source impedance to drive any load down to this value. Antenna mismatch and standing waves present no problems because of the high level of well-modulated RF and low spurious leakage.

Transformer T1 reduces 117 VAC down to 10 volts for full-wave rectification in the POWER SUPPLY. Q9 is a series-pass power transistor that regulates the raw B+; it is referenced to zener diode D29. Enough unfiltered DC is provided to maintain Q9 in active conduction over a $\pm 20\%$ line variation, resulting in only a 2% output voltage change. Large filter capacitors reduce AC ripple to a negligible value, which accounts for the clean pattern displays.

CALIBRATION and MAINTENANCE

The 1243 is aligned and calibrated at the factory for optimum performance. As a result, access to the instrument's interior is only necessary for dot size readjustment -all other trimming controls should not *be touched*. If misalignment occurs either through damage or accidental movement, recalibration is possible by following the procedures in succeeding sections.

A. DOT SIZE

Trimmer control R5, labeled "DOT SIZE" (See Figure 6 on page 19), varies the width of pulses used to construct dots and vertical lines. It is preset to .25 μS, which has been found to produce a sharp, bright dot on the majority of receivers. If readjustment is preferred, simply display a dot pattern and rotate this control until the desired size is obtained. Since vertical lines are also affected, it is wise to inspect the crosshatch pattern: a compromise between optimum dot size and vertical line width may be necessary.

B. RF OSCILLATOR/MODULATOR

The 1243 is factory tuned to channel 3 (61.25 MHz, $\pm 0.5\%$). If operation on channel 4 is desired:

1. Obtain a standard .1 inch hex alignment tool and carefully insert it through the access hole in the bottom of the case (see Fig. 7).
2. Slowly rotate the coil slug CLOCKWISE 1¾ turns from its original position.

This technique is accurate enough to insure that the RF carrier will be within the fine-tuning range of most receivers.

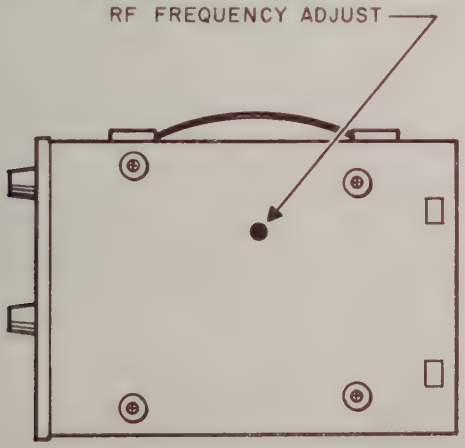


Figure 7. Location of Frequency Adjusting Coil Access

It is necessary to view the detector output of a working receiver with an oscilloscope when calibrating the MODULATION ADJUST trimmer, R67.

1. Set-up the receiver and generator to display the crosshatch pattern.
2. Adjust the oscilloscope to view two vertical fields of the recovered waveform.
3. Rotate R67 until the sync amplitude (upper-half) of the composite signal equals the video amplitude (lower half).

C. COLOR OSCILLATOR/BAR WIDTH

An oscilloscope and a frequency counter with input impedance of greater than 100KΩ are needed to perform the following adjustments:

1. Rotate the 1243 selector to GATED RAINBOW and turn the unit on.
2. Attach the frequency counter input to point V (white wire from PC board to color level control) and rotate the COLOR control to its mid-point position.
3. Adjust "COLOR TRIM" capacitor (C21) with a non-metallic tool until a reading of 3.563729 MHz is obtained.
4. Attach the input of the oscilloscope to point U and the sweep to display one horizontal line. Turn the COLOR control on the generator to minimum.
5. Adjust "BAR WIDTH" trimmer R9 for perfectly square waves along the baseline of the displayed horizontal line. Calibration is now complete.

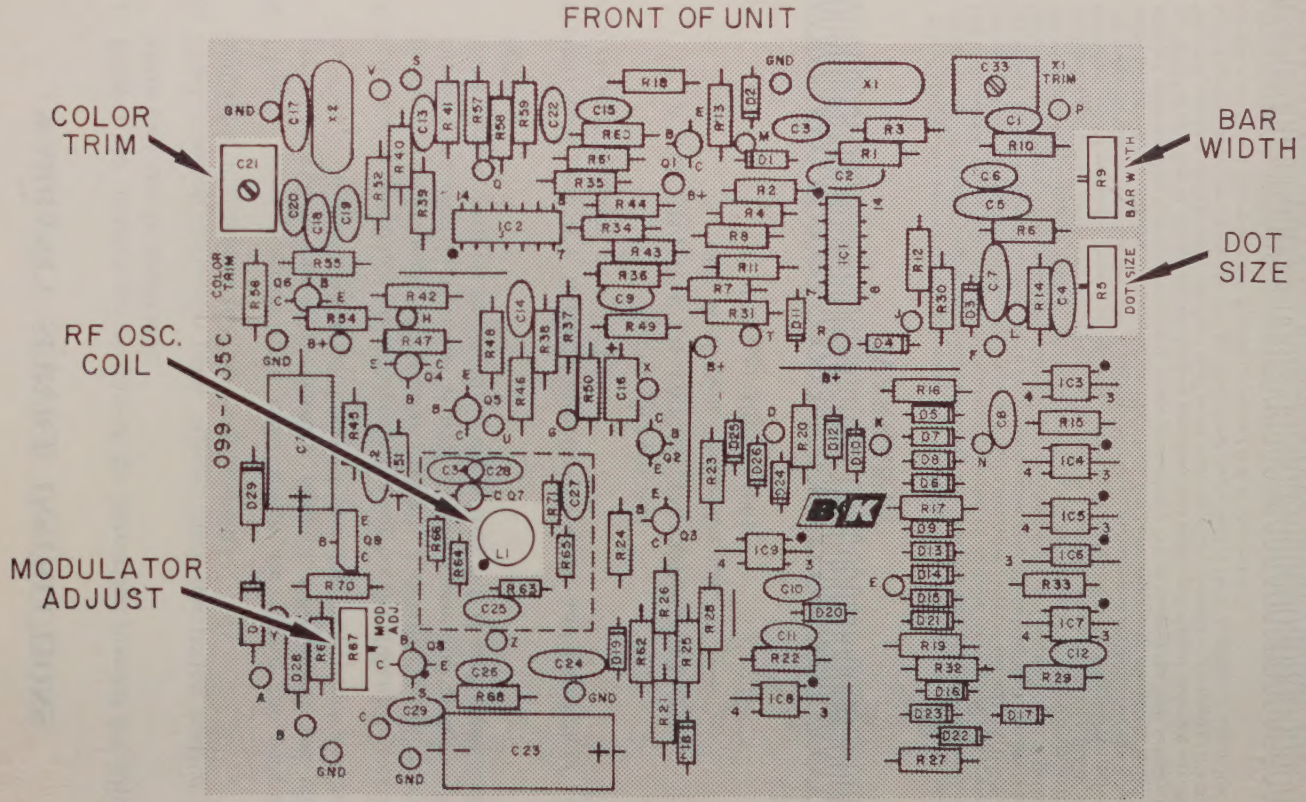


Figure 6. Location of Internal Adjustments

WARRANTY SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Refer to the maintenance section of the instruction manual for adjustments that may be applicable.

2. Check common electronics parts. Always check instruction manual for applicable adjustments after such replacement.

3. Defective parts removed from units which are within the warranty period should be sent to the factory, prepaid, with model and serial number of product from which removed, and date of product purchase.

4. If the above mentioned procedures do not correct the difficulty, pack the product securely (preferably double packed). A detailed list of troubles encountered must be enclosed as well as your name and address. Forward prepaid (express preferred) to the nearest B & K authorized service agency.

Contact your local B & K Distributor for the name and location of your nearest service agency, or write to:

Service Department
B & K DIVISION OF DYNASCAN CORPORATION
1801 West Belle Plaine Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60613

WARRANTY

"B & K warrants that each product manufactured by it will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal usage and service for a period of ninety days after its purchase new from an authorized B & K distributor. Our obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing, or replacing any product or component which we are satisfied does not conform with the foregoing warranty and which is returned to our factory or our authorized service contractor, transportation prepaid, and we shall not otherwise be liable for any damages, consequential or otherwise. *The foregoing warranty is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties (including any warranty of merchantability), whether expressed or implied.* Such warranty shall not apply to any product or component (i) repaired or altered by anyone other than B & K or its authorized service contractor (except normal tube replacement) without B & K's prior written approval; (ii) tampered with or altered in any way or subjected to misuse, negligence or accident; (iii) which has the serial number altered, defaced or removed; or (iv) which has been improperly connected, installed or adjusted otherwise than in accordance with B & K's instructions. B & K reserves the right to discontinue any model at any time or change specifications or design without notice and without incurring any obligation. *The warranty shall be void and there shall be no warranty of any product or component if a B & K warranty registration card is not properly completed and postmarked to the B & K factory within five days after the purchase of the product new from an authorized B & K distributor."*

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